



## Neil K Beecham

May 30, 1955 - February 25, 2020

Neil Keith Beecham, 62 passed away on February 25, 2020. He was born May 30, 1955, in North Miami, Florida to Julian Eugene Beecham and Joann Neel Beecham. Neil moved to Basinger at the age of 2 and resided in Basinger for the remainder of his life.

He was a carpenter by trade for many years in and around the Okeechobee and Basinger area. He was a quiet man of few words who loved to read and could carry on an interesting conversation on almost any topic. He was an avid fisherman, loved to garden, and loved his dog. Neil was best known among his family members for playing practical jokes on the younger children and giving "unusual" and funny gifts as well as for his unusual animals like his one-eyed turkey. He was a unique individual.

Neil was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Billy Beecham; and his nephew, Jeremy Beecham.

He is survived by three nieces, Jessica Lucas and Roxanne McDuffie both of Barnwell, South Carolina, and Billie Jo Baker of Brighton; two aunts, Lilline Thompson of Okeechobee and Rose Marie McDonald of Okeechobee; a host of cousins who some proclaim Neil to be their "Favorite Cousin"; and his caregivers and best friends, Mike Anderson and Ivan Clements.

No services will be held at this time. A private memorial will be held by his family at a later date.

Those wishing to leave a message of condolence may sign the register book at, [www.OkeechobeeFuneralHome.com](http://www.OkeechobeeFuneralHome.com)

All arrangements are entrusted to the direction and care of the Buxton & Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home, 400 North Parrott Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida, 34972.

# Comments

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“ Neil was my cousin, and friend. you never saw a more intelligent man with common sense than him. He could talk about any subject with confidence for hours. a real thinker and reader. Cuz took me on a weekend excursion on the Kissimmee river when I was just a young buck, Put in at the KRFR after getting a care package of necessities from a friend. Boated past a lock and camped out on a Island, started a fire and smoked a fish for supper, checked his lines, (Biggest catfish I had ever seen). I remember Sunday morning we went fishing for small cats. He called them (sharpy's). and he would turn on the radio and listen to the preacher and his message. Slim and I have written each other usually about two to three times a year. And when I come to chobee I would try and go see him. I going to miss you Cuz. Rest in peace. cousin Jay.

**Jason Elliott** - February 29, 2020 at 04:59 PM

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“ Colleen Dillard lit a candle in memory of Neil K Beecham



**colleen dillard** - February 29, 2020 at 12:19 PM

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“ I am Neil's aunt who was a late child and so I was 9 years old when Neil was born, so Neil became a real live baby doll for me to carry around and feed and play with..how lucky!!! We stayed close over the years. He was the apple of his Grandpa's ( my Daddy) eye and had a lot of his Grandpa's qualities. We always sent funny cards and letters to each other, and said "I love you" as often as we could. I will miss you, my baby boy. Rest in Peace.

**Marie McDonald** - February 28, 2020 at 03:30 AM

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“ Neil was my uncle. My dad's only brother, who never married and never had kids. Aside from his dog, he was always a Loner. He was happiest living on the river, but as his parents got older, he moved to Basinger to be close to them. He was unique and eccentric, especially when he came to giving gifts. He was one of a kind and will be missed. Kiss daddy for me. I love you.

**Roxanne McDuffie** - February 27, 2020 at 04:58 PM



“ We will miss you Neil and carry our memories of you in our hearts. You fought a good fight and now you are pain free finally. Love ya Slim Susie and James

**Susan** - February 28, 2020 at 09:08 AM